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SUBJ: NIGER'S VOTING RECORD AT RECENT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

1. DURING MEETING ON OTHER MATTERS WITH FONMIN DJERMAKOYE  
FEBRUARY 7, I REFERRED TO NIGER'S VOTING RECORD AT LOW  
CONFERENCE IN GENEVA ON PRG ISSUE (ONE ABSENCE, ONE  
ABSTENTION AND ONE VOTE FOR PRG) AND SAID I HOPED WE COULD  
MEET SOON WHEN MORE TIME AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS NIGER'S  
POSITION AT UN AND RELATED MEETINGS ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE  
TO US. UNFORTUNATELY, IN RECENT MONTHS WE SEEM TO HAVE  
BEEN DRIFTING APART WITH NIGER INCREASINGLY ON  
OPPOSITE SIDE OF ISSUE. THIS WAS MATTER OF REGRET AND SINCE IN PAST  
NIGER HAD VOTED WITH US ON SEVERAL OF THESE ISSUES AND AS  
WE STILL COUNTED ON NIGER, USG WAS PUZZLED AS TO WHAT  
WAS GOING ON. I SAID I THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT TO CLEAR AIR  
SO THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MISUNDERSTANDING OF NIGER'S INTENTIONS.

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2. DJERMAKOYE PROFESSED NOT TO HAVE KNOWN THAT NIGER VOTED

FOR PRG AT GENEVA ON FEB 5 (STATE 027137) OR HAD BEEN ABSENT ON FIRST VOTE. HE SAID HE WOULD ASK NIGER EMBASSY IN PARIS FOR REPORT BECAUSE NIGER SHOULD NOT HAVE SUPPORTED PRG. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT AT MANY CONFERENCES WHICH ARE OF MARGINAL IMPORTANCE FROM GON'S POINT OF VIEW, SUCH AS LOW MEETING, IT DELEGATIONS OPERATE UNDER BROAD INSTRUCTIONS WHICH LEAVE THEM CONSIDERABLE LATITUDE AND APPARENTLY AT GENEVA DELEGATION EXERCISED THIS LATITUDE.

3. DJERMAKOYE ADDED THAT NIGER OF COURSE VALUED ITS RELATIONS WITH US AND IN WEIGHING ALL FACTORS AND PRESSURES INVOLVED IN DECISIONS ON VOTING IT SHOULD TAKE US VIEWS MORE INTO ACCOUNT THAN PERHAPS IT HAD DONE RECENTLY. AFTER ALL, HE SAID, WHEN ONE ADDS UP US HELP TO NIGER WHAT HAS NORTH KOREA DONE FOR US? I INTERJECTED THAT I WAS GLAD HE HAD MENTIONED NORTH KOREA BECAUSE WE STILL DID NOT UNDERSTAND LOGIC BEHIND NIGER'S VOTE ON KOREA AT UNGA.

4. IT WAS AGREED WE WOULD PURSUE MATTER FURTHER IN ORDER TO REMOVE MISUNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ON SUCH ISSUES.

COMMENT: AS SEEN FROM HERE NIGER DELEGATIONS DO OPERATE UNDER LOOSE REIGN AT CONFERENCES THEY CONSIDER MARGINAL AND THIS HELPS EXPLAIN WHY THEIR VOTES ARE NOT CONSISTENT WITH WHAT WE ARE TOLD IN NIAMEY. SUCH INSTRUCTIONS ALSO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR LAST MINUTE ARM TWISITNG BY AFRICA/ASIA BLOC MEMBERS. WE SURMISE ALGERIANS GOT TO NIGER DELEGATE AT GENEVA AND NEIGHBOR ALGERIA CARRIES CONSIDERABLY MORE WEIGHT WIT ERORIENS ON SPOT THAN VAGUE INSTRUCTIONS FROM MFA IN FAR OFF NIAMEY.

5. ANYWAYW BELIEVE DJERMAKOYE GOT THE POINT. NOT SURE WHETHER THIS EXERCISE WILL PAY OFF, BUT WE WILL KEEP TRYING.HECK

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